In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A remote identification tag holder comprising:

an identification tag shell having an outer surface;

a transmitter;

an identification tag interface communicably connected to said transmitter and adapted to read fixed identification data from ~~an~~ any of a plurality of identification ~~tag~~ tags which was fixedly stored ~~therein;~~ therein, such that said read identification data from a given one of the plurality of identification tags remains unchanged over multiple reads thereof;

means on said outer surface for holding the given one of the plurality of identification ~~tag~~ tags in communicable proximity to said identification tag interface;

a processor for processing said read identification data and operable to validate the identification tag based on said read fixed identification data and generate a verification signal;

wherein said transmitter transmits said verification signal.

2. (Original) The remote identification tag holder of claim 1, wherein said transmitter is an active transmitter.

3. (Original) The remote identification tag holder of claim 1, wherein said identification tag interface is a smart card memory interface.

4. (Original) The remote identification tag holder of claim 1, further comprising a biometric data reader communicably connected to said transmitter.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The remote identification tag holder of claim 1, further comprising a biometric data reader communicably connected to said processor.

7. (Previously Presented) The remote identification tag holder of claim 6, wherein said processor receives input biometric data from said biometric data reader and said processor processes said input biometric data and wherein stored biometric data unique to the user is stored on the identification card and said processor processes said stored biometric data and said processor determines if the input biometric data is substantially related to the stored biometric data and generates a biometric verification signal as said verification signal.

8. (Original) The identification tag component of claim 1, wherein said identification data is authorization data.

9. (Previously Presented) The identification tag component of claim 1, wherein said identification data identifies a user.

10. (Original) The identification tag component of claim 1, wherein said identification data identifies equipment.

11. (Previously Presented) A remote identification tag identification system comprising:

a remote identification tag component having an identification tag reader for reading the identification information from an identification tag, a biometric input independent of the identification tag, a remote processor, and a transmitter;

an identification tag in communicable proximity to said identification tag reader;

a location receiver receiving transmissions from said transmitter; and

a location processor connected to said location receiver;

wherein said remote identification tag reader reads identification data from said identification tag, which identification data includes biometric data unique to an identification tag holder and reads biometric data of a user interfacing with said biometric input from said biometric input;

wherein said remote processor calculates a hash of the biometric data;

wherein said transmitter transmits said identification data and said hash to said location receiver; and

15   wherein said location receiver sends said received identification data and said hash to said location processor; and

wherein said location processor processes said received identification data and compares said hash to a replicated hash.

12.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, further comprising a system identification database in communication with said location processor, wherein said location processor further processes stored identification data.

13.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, wherein said location processor provides displayed identification data.

14.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, wherein said location processor processes said received identification data to determine identity.

15.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, wherein said location processor processes said received identification data to determine authorization.

16.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, wherein said authorization is access authorization.

17.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 12, further comprising a second location receiver and a second location processor, wherein said second location processor is in communication with said system identification database.

18.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, wherein said identification tag comprises identification data storage memory.

19.   (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, further

comprising an access barrier, wherein said location processor processes said received identification to determine access authorization and causes said access barrier to move when access is authorized.

20. (Original) The remote identification tag identification system of claim 19, wherein said access barrier is a gate.